THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The East Yard of Mazagon Dock was set up in 1982, exclusively for the construction and major repairs of submarines for the Indian Navy. Two submarines were constructed and commissioned into service in February, 1992 and May, 1994, after which there have been no orders from the Indian Navy for building of new submarines. However, the East Yard has since been utilized for the mid life major repairs-cum-modernisation of two of the Navy's SSK submarines, for construction of one Missile Boat, floating border outposts and fabrication of ship units for project 17 and 15A for the ship building division.

Placement of orders for construction of submarines at Mazagon Dock Limited is under consideration of the Government and the matter is at an advanced stage of negotiations.

Loss due to flood in Bihar

†*260. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to sudden flood in Bihar last year apart from immense loss of life and property the existing infrastructure also collapsed;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central Government had sent a team of experts to Bihar to take stock thereof and to assess the loss; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The memorandum submitted by the Government of Bihar, as an aftermath of sudden floods of 2004, *inter alia* included information on loss of life, damage to public and private property as well as infrastructure. The total Central assistance sought by the State Government in the Memorandum was Rs. 11048.26 crore.

In accordance with the laid down procedure, upon receipt of the memorandum, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team was deputed to the State for an on the spot assessment of the damage and requirement of funds by the State Government for the management of floods. The report of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the Central Team was considered by the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG). The High Level Committee (HLC) considered the request of the State Government, the report of the Central Team, the recommendations of the IMG thereon and the approved items and norms of assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and thereafter approved:—

(a) Rs. 375.53 crore for flood relief subject to the funds available for instant calamity in the CRF account of the State.

(b) 1.84 lakh MT rice (costing Rs. 220.80 crore) under Special Component of SGRY for relief employment.

(c) Rs. 9.25 crore from Special component of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for repair/restoration of damaged rural drinking water supply scheme.

(d) The cost of transportation of fodder, animal feed and medicines by the Railways, on actual basis.

(e) The cost of deployment of IAF helicopters for rescue and relief operations, on actual basis.

The Government of Bihar informed that an amount of Rs. 185.01 crore was available in the CRF account of the State Government as on 18th August, 2004 for instant calamity. As per the laid down procedure applicable to all States, 75% of the amount *i.e.* Rs. 138.76 crore was adjusted against the approved amount of Rs. 375.53 crore and balance amount of Rs. 236.77 crore was released from the NCCF to the Government of Bihar.

With regard to restoration of damaged infrastructure, the Schemes of CRF/NCCF provide that expenditure on restoration of infrastructure, except those which are intrinsically connected with relief operations and restoration of immediate connectivity with the affected area and population, is required to be met from the Plan funds.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Price of Indian Coffee

1729. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: